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Hi All.

Happy Valentine's Day! Just wanted to give you the head's up that the Passaic River was selected to be one of the Urban Waters Federal Partnership projects! There will be some kind of national announcement of all of the chosen projects some time next month, but the details are still being worked out amongst the 12 federal agencies who are part of the partnership. I am intending to plan a local announcement/event as well, once I get more specifics from HQ's about their plans. I'd love to get you involved with that. I will also be looking to host a meeting to bring together the federal and state agencies with all the local stakeholders to create a road map of issues we'd like to address under the auspices of this program. However, as a starting point, I'd like to schedule a meeting between the city, ICC, EPA and the Corps as the leaders of this project, if that's OK with you. I'm not really sure what to expect out of this, but I'm hopeful this designation will give us the leverage to get some things done we haven't been able to do so far.

Stay tuned....

Take care,  
Liz